

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/397,423

Examiner

Frantzy Poinvil

Applicant(s)

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the Amendment filed 4/15/04.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-7,9-14,16-31 and 33-47.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 7/11/2002 and 9/17/1999 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.
THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date 3/11/2005.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

As per claim 1, lines 1-2 has been replaced with

-- A system for displaying planning information associated with a supply chain, comprising:
at least one computer having one or more processing unit having: --

On line 3, "operable to access" has been changed to - -for accessing- -. On line 4, "to use" has been changed to - -for using- -.

On line 7, "operable to generate" has been changed to - -for generating- -.

As per claim 2, line 2, "is further operable to generate" has been changed to - - further generates -- .

As per claim 4, line 2, "is further operable to generate" has been changed to - - further generates - -.

As per claim 5, line 2, "is further operable to generate" has been changed to - - further generates - -.

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As per claim 6, line 2, "is further operable to generate" has been changed to - -further generates - -.

As per claim 7, line 2, "is further operable to generate" has been changed to - - further generates- -.

As per claim 9, lines 1-2, has been deleted and replaced with :

-- A system for displaying planning information associated with a supply chain, comprising:

at least one computer having one or more processing unit: --.

On line 3, "operable to access" has been changed to - -for accessing- -. On line 4, "to use" has been changed to - -for using- -.

On line 7, "operable to generate" has been changed to - -for generating- -.

As per claim 10, line 2, "is further operable to generate" has been changed to - -further generates- -.

As per claim 11, line 2, "is further operable to generate" has been changed to - -further generates- -.

As per claim 12, line 2, "is further operable to generate" has been changed to - -further generates- -.

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As per claim 13, line 2, "is further operable to generate" has been changed to - -further generates- -.

As per claim 14, lines 1-2, has been deleted and replaced with

- - A system for displaying planning information associated with a supply chain, comprising:

at least one computer having at least one or more processing unit: - -.

On line 3, "operable to access" has been changed to - -for accessing- -. On line 4, " to use" has been changed to - -for using- -.

On line 7, "operable to generate" has been changed to - -for generating- -.

As per claim 18, line 2, "is further operable to generate" has been changed to - -further generates- -.

As per claim 19, line 2, "is further operable to generate" has been changed to - -further generates- -.

As per claim 20, line 2, "is further operable to generate" has been changed to - -further generates- -.

As per claim 21, line 2, "is further operable to generate" has been changed to - -further generates- -.

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As per claim 22, lines 1-2, have been deleted and replaced with

- - A system for displaying planning information associated with a supply chain,
comprising:

at least one computer having one or more processing unit: - -

On line 3, "operable to access" has been changed to - -for accessing- -. On line 4, "to use" has
been changed to - -for using- -.

On line 7, "operable to generate" has been changed to - -for generating- -.

As per claim 25, line 1, "operable" has been changed to - -operating- -.

As per claim 33, line 1, "operable" has been changed to - -operating- -.

As per claim 38, line 1, "operable" has been changed to - -operating- -.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview
with Christopher W. Kennerly (Reg. No. 40,675) on March 11, 2005.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art taken alone or in combination failed to teach or suggest a cashflow
report comprising a first panel, a second panel and a third panel operating on at least
one computer for displaying information associated with a supply chain as recited in
independent claim 1.

The prior art taken alone or in combination failed to teach or suggest a profit margin report including a graph comprising a first axis, a second axis and a plurality of nodes taken operating on at least one computer for displaying planning information associated with a supply chain as recited in independent claim 9.

The prior art taken alone or in combination failed to teach or suggest a report including a bar graph comprising a first axis, a bar and a marker on the bar operating on at least one computer for displaying information associated with a supply chain as recited in independent claim 14.

The prior art taken alone or in combination failed to teach or suggest a plant distribution report that includes a bottom panel comprising a first axis, a second axis a plurality of icons representing resources in the supply chain operating on at least one computer for displaying planning information associated with a supply chain as recited in independent claim 22.

The prior art taken alone or in combination failed to teach or suggest a cashflow report comprising a three-dimensional display comprising a bottom panel, a left panel and a right panel operating on at least one computer for displaying planning information associated with a supply chain as recited in independent claim 25.

The prior art taken alone or in combination failed to teach or suggest a profit margin report including a graph comprising a first axis, a second axis and a plurality of nodes operating on at least one computer for displaying planning information associated with a supply chain as recited in independent claim 33.

The prior art taken alone or in combination failed to teach or suggest a report including a bar graph comprising a first axis, a bar associated with a product in the supply chain, a marker on the bar operating on at least one computer for displaying planning information associated with a supply chain as recited in independent claim 38.

The prior art taken alone or in combination failed to teach or suggest a distribution report that includes a bottom panel comprising a first axis, a second axis and a plurality of icons representing resources in the supply chain operating on at least one computer for displaying planning information associated with a supply chain as recited in independent claim 45.

Moolman, et al. Disclose "A capital budgeting model based on the project portfolio approach: Avoiding cash flows per project", Engineering Economist V42n2, PP: 111-135, Winter 1997, Dialog file 15, Accession No. 01407260, but failed to teach or suggest the above mentioned features recited in independent claims 1, 9, 14, 22, 25, 33, 38 and 45.

SOHNER, discloses a method for computerized supply chain whereby working steps in a production process are defined and organized groups of activities are defined as orders but failed to teach or suggest the above noted features recited in independent claims 1, 9, 14, 22, 25, 33, 38 and 45.

3. Moolman et al or Sohner taken alone or in combination failed to teach or suggest the above noted features of independent claims 1, 9, 14, 22, 25, 33, 38 and 45.

4. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."


Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Frantzy Poinvil whose telephone number is (703) 305-9779. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 7:00AM-5:30PM.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9326 for Before Final actions and (703) 872-9327 for After Final.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-1113.

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